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REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

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Sir:

This is to request expedited issuance of a Certificate of Correction under 37 CFR 1.322(a)(1)(i) to correct mistakes in claims 6 and 10.

Specifically, after “the” on line 8 of claim 6, “conductive paths” should be changed to –metal layers--; and

After “claim” on line 1 of claim 10, “6” should be changed to –9--.

A completed Certificate of Correction form PTO/SB/44 is attached.

These changes are proposed because there is no antecedent basis in claim 6 for “the conductive paths” recited at line 8 but there is an antecedent for “metal layers.” Similarly, there is no antecedent basis in claim 6 for “the long dimension” which is recited at lines 1 and 2 of claim 10 but there is antecedent basis in claim 9.

Claim 6 of U.S. Patent 7,091,613 was originally claim 11 of the application. Claim 11 as filed recited “conductive paths” at lines 4, 6, and 8 and did not recite “metal

layers” at all. Claim 11 was amended on June 1, 2005 to add a final paragraph in which “conductive paths” was recited at lines 12 and 14.

Claim 11 was further amended on March 1, 2006. The remarks in this amendment state that the claim “has been amended to add to the claim a recitation similar to that of claim 6 specifying that the bonding area is located above a region where all the metal layers overlap while the probing area is located above a region where less than all the metal layers overlap” (emphasis supplied). Claim 11 was amended at lines 4, 8, 12 and 14 to change “conductive paths” to –metal layers--. Inadvertently, the same change was not made at line 6 of claim 11 of the application. As a result, when the patent was published, line 8 of claim 6 was left reading “a plurality of bonding pads disposed on the conductive paths”.

Claim 10 of U.S. Patent 7,091,613 was originally claim 17 of the application. The error in the dependency of this claim was in the claim as filed and was not detected until recently.

The patent owner submits that the mistakes sought to be corrected are of a clerical nature. The failure to change “conductive paths” to –metal layers-- is an obvious oversight as is the incorrect claim dependency of claim 10.

Further, the patent owner submits that the proposed changes do not constitute new matter. Substantially the same language that the patent owner proposes in line 8 of claim 6 of the issued patent already exists in line 9 of claim 1 of the issued patent in the recitation of “a plurality of bonding pads disposed on top of the metal layers”; and the change to claim 10 is merely a change in claim dependency.

Further, the patent owner submits that the proposed changes do not require reexamination. The intent to change all the recitations in claim 11 of the application (claim 6 of the issued patent) of “conductive paths” to “metal layers”—is clear from the remarks and from the amendments that were made. And since a metal is by definition something that is conductive, the terms “metal layers” and “conductive paths” are similar in scope.

Since the proposed change in claim 10 is merely a change in claim dependency, no reexamination is required.

Accordingly, issuance of the proposed certificate of correction is respectfully requested.

The foregoing mistakes that are sought to be corrected arose through the applicants’ fault. Accordingly, a fee of \$100.00 is estimated to be due under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(a). Please charge such fee to Ward & Olivo LLP Deposit Account No. 23-0420.

Respectfully submitted,

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Claim 6, line 8, after "the", delete "conductive paths" and substitute therefor --metal layers--.

Claim 10, line 1, after "claim", delete "6" and substitute therefor --9--.

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